

### News Story Summary

On March 11, four-time NBA MVP LeBron James took a break from his “day job” with the Cleveland Cavaliers to work behind the counter at a pizza restaurant in Los Angeles. Introducing himself as “Ron,” LeBron chatted with customers, stacked boxes, and recommended his favorites off the menu. A camera crew caught the reactions of customers, who thought the basketball great looked familiar, but couldn’t be absolutely sure. One customer asked him if he was former Miami Heat teammate Dwayne Wade. “Naw,” said Ron/LeBron. “But I get that a lot.” James, who is one of the owners of the pizza chain, was actually filming a commercial for the business.

For more on this story, enter the phrase “LeBron James works in a pizza restaurant” in your search engine. You can also find the video on YouTube)

### Focus Attention

Prior to group member’s arrival, create two columns on a whiteboard or large sheet of paper. On the left-hand column, write “Nobel Prize Winner, Brain surgeon, President, Pastor, 4-Star General” or other prestigious positions. In the right hand column, write “Garbage Collector, Dishwasher, Babysitter, Lawnmower, Waiter” or other dirty jobs. As group members arrive, direct attention to the two columns. Ask, *What is the relationship between the first column and the second column?* Allow for responses. Then ask, *How would you react if you saw someone from the left-hand column doing one of the jobs in the right-hand column?* Share the news story about LeBron James working at a pizza restaurant. If you have the capability, you may choose to show the video clip of the news story. Ask: *What would your reaction have been if you had been in the restaurant that day?*

Transition to the session by explaining that there came a point in the early church when some needs were being neglected. Challenge them to listen for how the church solved the problem.

### Challenge

Remind the group of the news story. Challenge them to think about jobs in the church that need to be done. Ask: *What could we do so people in our church could be served more effectively, and preachers and teachers could be freed up to spend more time on what they do best?* Close by asking the Lord to help all of you honor God and further His kingdom through selfless service.